

predatory practices. The Democrat contended that it resorted to innovative but legal business practices because the Gazette was the dominant paper. In March 1986, a jury found in favor of the Democrat.

Patterson sold the Gazette to the Gannett Co. a short time later, and often professed unhappiness with the changes the national chain made to the state's "gray lady."

On Oct. 18, 1991, Gannett shut down the Gazette and sold the Gazette's assets and name to Little Rock Newspapers Inc., now called Arkansas Democrat-Gazette Inc. The company is a corporate subsidiary of WEHCO Media Inc. whose chief executive officer, Walter E. Hussman Jr., is publisher of the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, which began publishing under that name on Oct. 19, 1991.

Throughout his newspaper career, Patterson was active in civic affairs. He was a member of the Little Rock Planning Commission for 20 years. In 1957, Patterson helped initiate the city manager form of government for Little Rock. He also helped create the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, now known as Metroplan.

Patterson was awarded the Freedom House Freedom Award in 1958 and the Arkansas Council of the National Conference of Christians and Jews Humanitarian Award in 1987. Also in 1987, Patterson was named Arkansas Journalist of the Year by the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. Patterson also served as president of the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association. •

TRIBUTE TO PASTOR BRIAN KEITH SINCLAIR

• Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Pastor Brian Keith Sinclair of Hartford, CT. Pastor Sinclair is the founder and visionary of Triumphant World Outreach Ministries, which will be celebrating its fourth anniversary on June 10.

Triumphant is an outreach organization that seeks to give inner-city youth, teens, and young adults a sense of hope for the future. The organization declares in its mission statement an intention to "reach the lost at any cost." Triumphant offers a number of programs and services for those youth and their parents who choose to participate, intended to keep young people off the streets, away from the destructive forces of drug use and violence that ensnare far too many young people. Since the ministry opened in 2002, countless youths have taken advantage of its homework clubs and job placement services and enjoyed its various artistic and dance programs. The ministry also arranges many recreational activities and outings for the youth, including trips to amusement parks, fishing lessons, and minor league baseball games.

In 2002, Pastor Sinclair delivered a sermon to the South Congregational Church in Hartford entitled "Now Perform the Doing of It." In the sermon Pastor Sinclair stressed to his audience that the time to reach out to young people is now, that those who are at risk can't wait to be helped. Anyone who has taken a look at what Pastor Sinclair has done over the past few years will tell you that Pastor Sinclair has applied this sense of urgency to all the work he has done.

In recent years, Pastor Sinclair has expanded his community service efforts at a breathtaking pace. He has launched various initiatives in major cities and towns throughout Connecticut. He serves as the director of the Hands for Change program in New Jersey, which also has satellite programs in Massachusetts and New York. Recently, Triumphant announced plans to expand its program in Hartford to the city's Park Street Frog Hollow neighborhood.

Pastor Sinclair and the rest of the staff at Triumphant are shining examples of how through hard work and selflessness, a small group of people can pull together to strengthen their community. When I think about how Triumphant will be celebrating its fourth anniversary, all I can really do is hope that it will be around for many more years to come. When I look back at what Pastor Brian Keith Sinclair has done for communities throughout the great State of Connecticut, I can't help but be filled with a deep sense of gratitude and hope for the future. It is truly an honor to say thank you, Pastor Sinclair, Connecticut is a better place because of you. •

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 5253. An act to prohibit price gouging in the sale of gasoline, diesel fuel, crude oil, and home heating oil, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5311. An act to establish the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area.

H.R. 5403. An act to improve protections for children and to hold States accountable for the safe and timely placement of children across State lines, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5429. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish and implement a competitive oil and gas leasing program that will result in an environmentally sound program for the exploration, development, and production of the oil and gas resources of the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and for other purposes.

S. 3274. A bill to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, and for other purposes.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and

were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-339. A concurrent memorial adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Arizona relative to urging the United States Congress to enact an agricultural commuter worker permit program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

HOUSE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 2018

Whereas, agriculture along the southern United States border is often seasonal and concentrated within tight time frames in which highly perishable crops must be produced and harvested in a timely manner or the entire crop could be lost; and

Whereas, farmers along the southern border face calamities of weather, pests and market conditions along with stringent requirements to provide a safe and wholesome supply of food for the citizens of the United States and the world; and

Whereas, agriculture requires a stable and reliable source of labor in order to produce enough food to meet the needs of our citizens so the United States does not become dependent on foreign nations for our food supply; and

Whereas, the total economic impact of Arizona agriculture for 2004 was approximately \$9.2 billion, providing an integral economic contribution throughout our state; and

Whereas, agriculture requires access to a stable and reliable pool of foreign workers due to an aging and increasingly educated native born workforce and employees leaving agricultural work for other industries; and

Whereas, current agricultural work visa programs fail to provide timely access to necessary labor; and

Whereas, an agricultural commuter worker permit program can complement both border security and workplace enforcement while allowing a natural flow of labor; and

Whereas, an agricultural commuter worker permit program will help abate many of the social and human costs in terms of crime and deaths in the desert; and

Whereas, an agricultural commuter worker permit program will allow willing agricultural workers to commute from their country of origin to work in the United States while maintaining their country of origin residency. Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

1. That the United States Congress include an agricultural commuter worker permit program as part of immigration reform legislation that allows foreign workers to commute across the border daily to work in the United States if they have passed criminal and security background checks and a medical examination and if they possess tamper-resistant biometric authorization cards.

2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, "the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

POM-340. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania relative to opposing any increase in the cost of enrollment in health care programs for members of the United States military; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 272

Whereas, a recent proposal by the Department of Defense, endorsed by the Joint Chiefs, called for increasing the enrollment cost in United States military health care programs for service members known as TRICARE; and